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## CRIT's Ellsbury debuts with Red Sox, opens fans' eyes with speed, hitting

CRIT member Jacoby Ellsbury made his major-league debut in Boston this summer, dazzling fans in the Red Sox nation with his speed and hitting.

Though his stint in "the show" lasted only seven days and six games, Ellsbury displayed enough promise that he's a good bet to return to the Sox' expanded playoff roster if the team continues its division-leading ways.

Ellsbury got a hit in his first big-league game and finished his stint with a .375 batting average. Ellsbury is now back with the Triple A Pawtucket PawSox.

Ellsbury's mother, Margie Ellsbury of Madras, Ore., remembered the day that she heard her son had been called up to the majors.

"It was fun," Margie Ellsbury said. "The day he called, it was just a few minutes after



CRIT member and Red Sox top prospect Jacoby Ellsbury signs autographs

he learned. I just asked him if he minded if I called everybody else."

Jacoby has come a long ways since he first displayed his skills to his fellow CRIT members as a three-sport star at La Pera Elementary School at age 12. Jacoby, who grew up and went to high school in Oregon, spent that school year in Arizona with his family. Now, after starring at Oregon State University and becoming one of the most talked-about Red Sox prospects since Nomar Garciaparra, Ellsbury has been profiled by the New York Times and is fielding calls from Sports Illustrated.

The overwhelming media glow has even reached Margie, though she's a reluctant subject.

"I received a call from a radio station in Flagstaff and did a phone interview,"

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## Tribal Chairman warns possible recall would create 'political chaos,' impact critical sources

Recall efforts and referendums are part of the democratic process, but have often created political epidemics in Indian country, and usually create more chaos and instability than positive reform, said CRIT Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.

Chairman Eddy cited a recently proposed recall of the entire CRIT tribal council as an example.

"In Indian communities across the country we have seen how efforts like this have caused government instability, uncertainty with programs and tribal service delays while accomplishing nothing positive," Eddy Jr. said. "Political chaos is not good. Recalls are typically targeted at one or two individuals, not the entire council, which puts our tribes at risk of massive instability, cuts and delays to elder, youth and many other services."

Eddy said that while he respects the people involved, the possible recall effort is without merit and is being pushed by past candidates for the Tribal Council who were not elected. But he said the effort must be treated as a serious matter and cited a long list of tribal government accomplishments and successes

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## CRIT Tribal Secretary Defends Gaming Victory Before Senate Committee

### Says Oversight Push Undermines Tribal Sovereignty

Comparing the idea to using an elephant gun to hunt a flea, CRIT Tribal Secretary Valerie Welsh-Tahbo recently joined tribal leaders from around the nation in testimony before Congress to speak out against draft legislation that would increase federal oversight of Indian Casinos and infringe on tribal sovereignty.

Welsh-Tahbo stood out from her fellow officials during the June 28 testimony, however, because the draft bill by U.S. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is a direct reaction to CRIT's landmark 2006 legal victory for tribal sovereignty in gaming regulation. That ruling said that the National Indian Gaming Commission does not have the authority under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to regulate "Class III" gaming such as slot machines and blackjack.

Dorgan's bill, which has not yet been introduced, would establish minimum internal control standards for tribal casinos, a move that duplicates the efforts of many tribes and states already, including CRIT and the state of Arizona.

Testifying before Dorgan's Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Welsh-Tahbo reiterated that the "minimal internal control standards" are not needed for tribes like CRIT, whose tribal laws and state

compacts "are sufficiently rigorous."

She also said that Dorgan's bill goes far beyond minimal controls and would unnecessarily confer new and expanded oversight powers to the NIGC.

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# News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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## Removing bald eagles from endangered list insensitive to tribal culture, spirituality

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has shown a marked lack of sensitivity and respect for Native American culture and rights with its recent decision to remove the Bald Eagle entirely from the Endangered Species list.

While Bald Eagle populations may be thriving in other areas of the United States, the population in Arizona is still relatively small and fragile.

Ironically, the Bald Eagle plays a vital cultural and religious role in the lives of more Arizona residents than perhaps anywhere else in the world. Arizona is home to one of the largest American Indian populations in the United States, with more than 22 tribes and 21 reservations.

The loss of the Bald Eagle in Arizona would be a travesty beyond words. Yet, without protection from the Endangered Species Act, the future is uncertain. This decision should be reversed and amended to exempt Arizona before it's too late.

Arizona has only 43 breeding pairs of Sonoran Desert Nesting Bald Eagles. Of those, 20 reside on Indian land. Yet Arizona tribes, which hold the eagles as sacred, were not given any meaningful role in the decision-making process to determine the status of the Bald Eagle under the Endangered Species Act. The Tribes were only asked to comment after it was obvious the final decision had been made.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes and the other 19 member tribes of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona stand firm on this matter along with Gov. Janet Napolitano. In its rush for a public relations coup, the Fish and Wildlife Service failed to consider all the relevant facts nor did it properly consult important stakeholders or, apparently, its own rules.

As Gov. Napolitano stated in her June 26 letter to United States Secretary of the Interior Dick Kempthorne, asking Tribes for written comment after the fact does not meet the definition of the required "meaningful government-to-government consultation" before such a decision can be made as outlined in Secretarial Order 3206 (American Indian Tribal Rights, Federal-Tribal Trust Responsibilities and the Endangered Species Act).

The federal government has, to say the least, a poor historical track record of consulting Tribes on decisions that impact the lives of American Indians. This decision was a major step backwards if federal leaders care at all about repairing that trust.

## Letter to the Editor: 'VALLEY OF THE WHITE HORSE'

by Estelle Scott Pete

In 2004, my sister Josephine mailed an article to me entitled "Valley of the White Horse." This article was featured in a newsletter distributed to the National Park Services. As I read the article, I recognized the woman described in the article and a smile crossed my face.

"Valley of the White Horse" was written by a young woman from Minnesota. The article conveys the author's anxiety in accepting employment, during the early 1970s, far away from her home in Minnesota. And how her feelings quickly turn to disappointment when transferred from Minnesota to Parker Valley. The author was accustomed to the lush greenery of her home state -- a vast difference to the hot Arizona desert. She considered Arizona a desolate and unwelcoming land. The author writes about a woman who made a huge impact on her life while she lived in Parker. A woman whose friendship and encouragement helped the author accept a lifestyle that few people from Minnesota would ever experience and whose comforting words echoed a powerful message. That woman is my mother Gladys Scott.

"At the beginning of their friendship, Gladys told the author about her own arrival at Poston in 1950. Gladys' family was part of the Navajo & Hopi Relocation program. Coming to Parker Valley as a teenager, Gladys didn't like the area either. She was sad, lonely, and missed her family back on the Navajo reservation. Upon arriving at Parker's Indian Agency, Gladys saw white fences, manicured lawns, and people walking from building-to-building. Gladys quickly surmised that perhaps life in Parker would not be too bad. However, her happiness turned to sadness as she and her family drove south to Poston. During that time, Navajo and Hopi families were temporarily housed in wooden barracks in Poston. The wooden barracks were remnants of the Japanese internment camp used to house Japanese families during World War II. Barracks where several families shared one building and where the entire community shared toilets and showers.

"When the time came for Gladys' family to be

relocated from Poston to their allotted farm land, workmen loaded a section of the barrack onto a flatbed trailer. They headed down a dirt road and stopped in the midst of mesquite thickets. There were no paved roads, no electricity, no fields, no irrigation canals -- only a dirt road cutting through overgrown bushes. This dirt road led to a small clearing in the middle of mesquite trees and tall weeds. This was the location of the family's farm land. The workmen unhooked cables and unloaded the section of the barrack along with the family's belongings. The section of barrack was to be their new home. As the workmen drove off and the dust settled, Gladys looked around and saw only weeds, dust, and insects. She sat down on a cot, buried her head in her hands, and began to weep. It was then that her mother Bertha stopped unpacking, walked over to Gladys, and wiped the tears from Gladys' face with the corner of her blouse. Bertha hugged Gladys and said:

"The time for tears has passed. For if you always look at life through a cloud of sadness, you will not see the sunshine that lights the world. Life is not where you are or what happens to you, but life is what you make of it. You can be a weed that poisons all things around you. Or, you can be a flower that brightens all that surrounds you. This is a choice that only you can make."

"Upon hearing those words, Gladys was comforted and stopped crying. She began to help her mother complete the unpacking. As years passed, Gladys grew accustomed to her new environment and Gladys found a new way of life in the hot Arizona desert."

This event happened 55 years ago, yet the wisdom of those words are timeless. In relating her own story to the author from Minnesota, Gladys shared the wisdom handed down to her from her mother ... "to make the best of whatever hardships come your way." Perhaps those words still ring true today. We should accept what we cannot change and make the best of any situation that we're placed in. It's up to each of us to decide our own future. Indeed, these are wise words spoken by both Bertha Martinez and Gladys Scott.

## Correction/Update: Duckey Boy Boxing Club

The phone number for the Duckey Boy Boxing Club was incorrect in the June issue of the *Manataba Messenger*. Youth interested in training should call (928) 916-9947.

And in an update on the Club, Coach Charles Duckey reported that his club members competed

in July at the 6th Annual Desert Showdown amateur tournament at the 29 Palms Casino in Coachella, Calif.

In addition to that tournament, the club competed at the recent Showdown on the River in Parker and won four out of six fights.

## We want to hear from you!

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor on key issues of interest to the CRIT people.

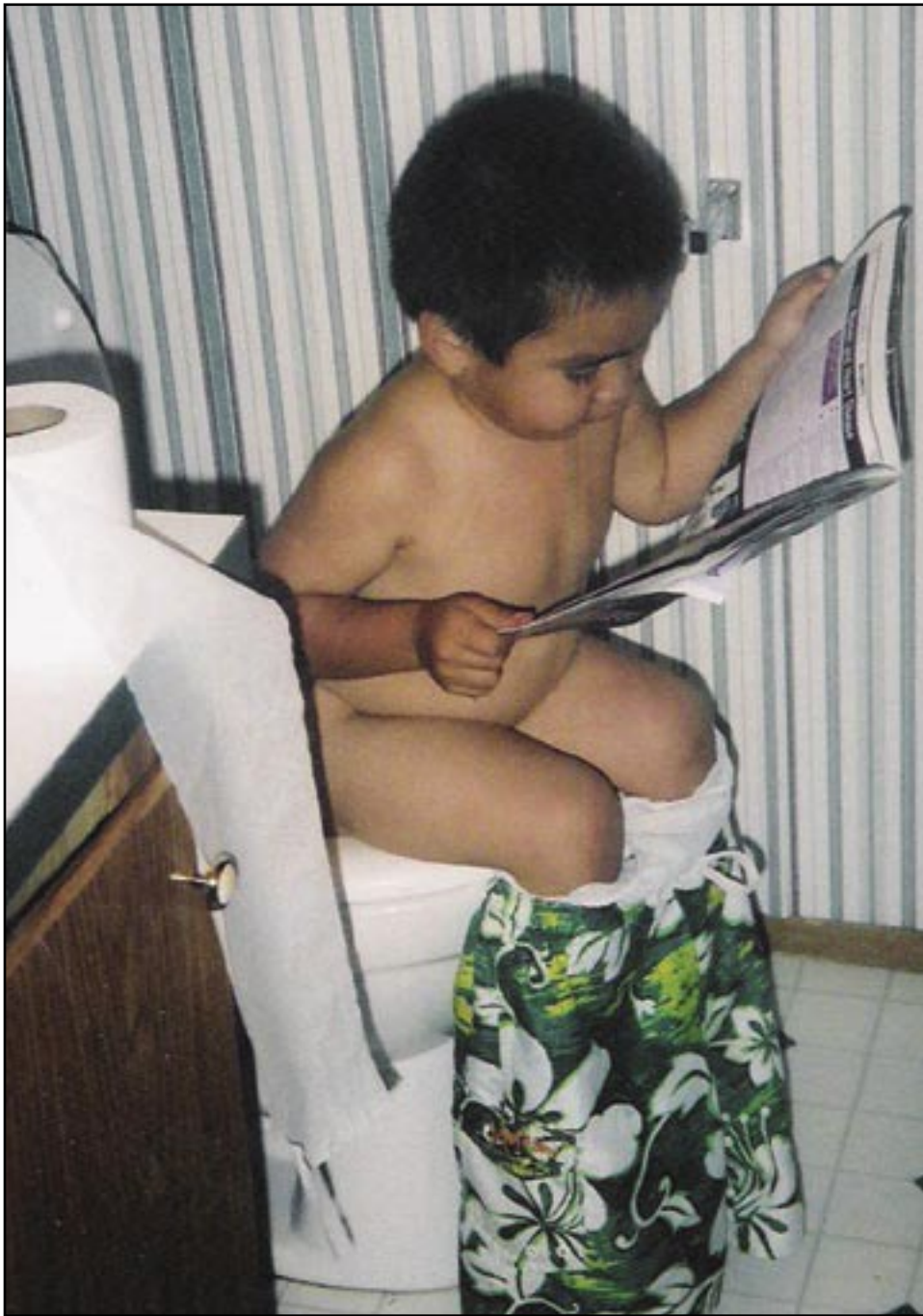
We publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited. You may send letters to:

Route 1, Box 23-B Parker, AZ 85344

You may also e-mail letters to feedback @critonline.com



# CRIT children amuse in August photo contest



There was an abundance of great entries in this month's photo contest for the *Manataba Messenger*. But the decision on a winner was actually quite easy. That's because you just can't go wrong with a little kid on a toilet reading a magazine.

Congratulations Hannah Tiger for this hilarious photo of her 3-year-old grandson (top left). She will receive \$100.

Second price went to Erin Fisher for her photo of her boyfriend Jamahke Welsh striking a warrior pose (top right). She will receive \$50.

Third place goes to Angela Nez for her photo of Donatella, the cool pit bull in the red shades (above right).

Honorable mention goes to: Doris Drennan for her grandson Bennett Gonzales eating birthday cake; Leon Evanston floating in the Preserve; Hazel Flood's picture of her messy-faced 5-month-old nephew Julius Nvayoyava Rodriquez; and little Linnea Faith Hunter, 8 months old.

## Submit now, win big in October

Your photo gems could be worth \$100. Enter today for your chance to win. The deadline for submissions for the October issue is September 15.

You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7051 E. 5th Avenue, Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or, you may just e-mail a high-resolution photo entry to feedback @critonline.com

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# Photo contest honorable mentions



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*Honorable mention goes to: Seneca Enas “partying like a rock star”; Sophie Baran, 22 months, asleep in her car seat; Kellisa Logan, 4, and sister Karrisa, 2, at Disneyland, and Kimberly Mendoza and mother Susan Mendoza at Kimberly’s high school graduation in Fullerton, Calif.*



# Pharmacist from Sioux nation enjoying life with CRIT

Jeff Maxon, who mans the pharmacy at the Indian Health Services hospital on the CRIT reservation, is a very long way from home.

In his search to start his career, the young pharmacist traded the cold winters of his home reservation in South Dakota for the extreme summers of Parker and Lake Havasu. But Maxon said the appreciation, respect and trust that he has encountered has made him feel very much at home over the past four years, whether he’s dispensing medicine or healthy living advice as a public speaker.

“I’d rather be hot than cold,” said Maxon, 31. “I really like the Southwest and this reservation in general. They have good programs for people in college, the people treat me very nice, very respectful, and I try to work hard for them and show appreciation for keeping me here and wanting me to stay.”

Maxon added, “It’s been a good move and I can’t picture myself going anywhere else.”

Maxon, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation, grew up on a reservation in South Dakota, one of the most poverty-stricken areas in the United States. He overcame those long odds to attend college at North Dakota State University, where he studied pharmacy. Upon his graduation in 2003 with a doctorate degree in pharmacy, Maxon lit out in search of a new start and found CRIT.

Maxon loves the Parker area, but said he actually

makes his home in Lake Havasu, a decision he made because he loves to work out and was able to find a gym with late hours to accommodate his busy schedule.

To his relief, Maxon discovered in his move is that, despite the distance, that CRIT was much like his old home.

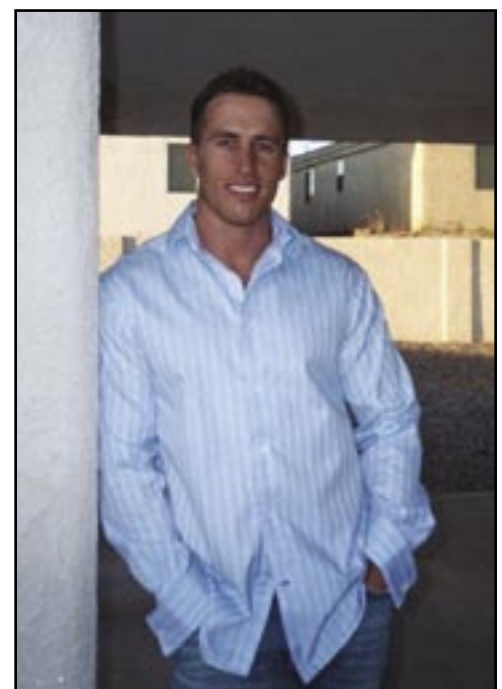
“That’s one thing I really learned, all reservations are very similar,” Maxon said. “With poverty and housing projects, we all seem to kind of live the same. Even the slang is kind of similar. That was comforting to me. We’re all alike in more ways than we think.”

In addition to his work at IHS, Maxon has seen demand grow for his services as a speaker on healthy living topics. He’s done the Healthy For Life television program talking about healthy eating habits, how to prevent obesity and about his career as a pharmacist.

He especially likes to talk to Native American youngsters about pursuing healthcare careers.

“There’s a demand for them,” Maxon said. “Getting young natives involved in becoming healthcare professionals is really beneficial to native people.”

Maxon knows this from his own experience at IHS. Knowing that Maxon is Native American creates a comfort level and trust with patients that’s hard to quantify but that he believes is beneficial to patients dealing with health issues.



*Pharmacist Jeff Maxon enjoys serving patients at CRIT pharmacy.*

“I grew up and was raised in an environment like them, so I think I relate to them better,” Maxon said. “I can’t describe it. It’s always a rewarding feeling. I get up and they shake my hand. They respect what I tell them and they appreciate it.”

Maxon added, “That’s why it’s important to get more young people interested in the health care profession.”



# Outpatient program helps members tackle substance abuse problems

By Arnie Short  
*Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, Manager*

Last year, during a conference I attended in Tucson, a question came up in one of the sessions: “What method of approach accounts for change in therapy?”

The answers were interesting. Studies revealed the following: Clinical liaison, client’s strength, and hope. These are the three approaches utilized in our Intensive Outpatient Program.

The I.O.P began on the night of February 5, 2007, with four people in attendance. There was, of course, some resistance. The program was new and much more intensive than our last program. By the month of May, our attendance had grown to 19, which made us begin groups both in the morning and evening to work with client schedules.

The groups are safe and open. The clients receive support from both the facilitator and other clients in the group. Alliance is part of our Native culture. During a time of urgent need, the community, family and relatives gathered for support. The I.O.P group has become a great liaison for our clients.

Next, the group builds on each other’s strength. “One twig can easily be broken, but if you connect three or more twigs it becomes harder to break,” is our motto. The group builds strength from each other’s experience when dealing with substance abuse by expressing their triggers, and cravings and how they prevailed from the craving to use.

The last is hope. Recovery can be stressful if you are always worried about your next relapse. But it is a great source of hope to hear of others who made it during the weekend or just one day.

We are not alone in our journey. Alcohol and drugs has kept us in isolation. There are others in our community who want their life back and you will find some in the I.O.P.

A good friend of mine said, “Recovery is not all about that you can’t use, but recovery is about living and just not using.” Some people cannot live without substance. Substance has become a normal everyday, every weekend, activity for some people.

There is hope and help. For appointments call the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (A.S.A.P.) at (928) 669-5243 or (928) 669-3256.

## Native American Indian Days coming in Oct.

The Native American Indian Days Celebration Committee has announced the theme of “Rediscovering Traditions, Preservation on our Reservation” for the 35th annual celebration scheduled October 1-6, 2007.

The mid-week evenings will be the backdrop for the 46th annual Miss CRIT pageants, applications are being taken now with the deadline of August 31st for all female tribal members between the ages of 6-24.

The parade will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday along California Avenue, the community barbeque at 6:00 p.m., with the anticipated Pow-Wow on Friday and Saturday at the Manataba Park.

The Mohave Elders (Village), Baby Contest, and other activities have yet to be finalized with the ever popular fry bread stands and arts & crafts booths.

For more information and how you can help, please contact Valerie at 928-669-5548 or Ronald Charles, Tourism Bureau Manager 928-669-7037.

## Enrollment dept. continues efforts to update Tribal membership

There are approximately 3,754 active members in the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Because that number is always changing, the CRIT Enrollment Office makes continued efforts to update current Tribal membership records.

It is very important that each tribal member’s file record is accurate and up-to-date. Please remember to notify the Enrollment Office of any changes in your address, phone number or name change due to marriage or divorce.

The following are the key milestones and resources that tribal members should keep in mind to maintain up-to-date enrollment status:

1. BIRTHS – If you or someone in your family is pregnant or has recently had a baby, please notify our office to begin the enrollment process. Due to many changes being implemented in the various Tribal and government programs, it is very important that Tribal membership be established for your newborn child to protect their right of eligibility for needed services within our government.

2. DEATHS - If you have recently lost a loved one, it is necessary that we obtain a copy of the death certificate in order for us to accurately adjust our enrollment records.

3. COURT DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY – If you are unmarried, regardless if the father’s name is stated on the birth certificate, you must present a court document to establish paternity. Each year, children are born to parents who are unmarried, and, like all children, those born to unmarried parents deserve to know their identity and culture. It is very important to your child that the father’s Indian blood be documented so that your children, and their children, are eligible for future membership. You may seek assistance with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Legal Aid Department in establishing paternity through the Tribal Courts at 928-669-1268.

4. APPLICATIONS – Applications for Enrollment can be obtained by calling the Enrollment Department at 928-669-1240, or in writing: Colorado River Indian Tribes, Enrollment Department, Route 1 Box 23-B, Parker, AZ 85344.

Tribal Enrollment is responsible for all aspects of membership, including: maintaining records of Tribal members; enrolling new members; updating addresses and issuing membership cards; vehicle exemptions; family and ancestral research and certifications of Indian blood for our Tribal members.

Any questions about enrolling your child, or if you have any Tribal enrollment issues, please come by or call the office at 928-669-1240. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, although the office closes daily from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

## Upcoming BlueWater Resort and Casino Band Schedule for the Dig Lounge

**July 31 to August 5**  
“Swift Kick” Female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50-90’s.

**August 7 to August 12**  
“New Breed” Four-piece male band playing Classic Rock, Alternative and Dance music.

**August 14 to August 19**  
“The Crush” Playing hits from the 70-80’s, Classic Rock, Dance Music, Disco and Alternative dance.

**August 21 to August 26**  
“Fast Forward” Four-piece band playing hits from Classic Dance tunes, 50-60’s, Disco, Modern Rock & Alternative.

**August 28 to September 2**  
“Pilot” Female fronting a three-band playing

Rhythm & Blues from the 50-60’s, Top 40 Dance, Classic Rock, Old School & Disco.

**September 4 to September 9**  
“American Made” Female fronting a four-piece band playing a full variety of dance music from the 50-60’s, Top 40, Disco, Country & Oldies.

**September 11 to September 16**  
“The Crush” Playing hits from the 70-80’s, Classic Rock, Dance Music, Disco and Alternative dance.

**September 18 to September 23**  
“Radio Rage” High-energy dance band playing Classic Rock & Disco.

**September 25 to September 30**  
“Swift Kick” Female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50-90’s.



# Bluewater Casino 8th Birthday Party

The BlueWater Resort and Casino's 8th Birthday celebration featured native dancers, basketry and live music. Pictured are Elder Delano Carter performing Mohave bird songs with the Black Mountain Mohave Bird Singers. And below, Wildheart, the premiere Fleetwood Mac tribute band, performs.





# CRIT Birthdays and Announcements

\* Aug. 12 --Happy Birthday to our brother, Bryan Lewis. We love you and miss you. Distance may separate us, but you're with us in our thoughts and prayers always. Keep strong, bro! Love, Abby, Melanie, Craig, and nephew, Jeff.

\* Aug. 7 – To my cousin Shelly Stone, here's wishing you a happy birthday full of many special blessings. Love, Rox

\* Aug. 8 – To Mr. Randall T. Holt, Happy Birthday Randy! Miss ya and love ya!- Rox

\* Happy Birthday to the Dude- Love your dear cousin Roxie, and Vic too!

\* Happy B-Day to Jayroe Van Fleet- R. Robledo

\* To Ashley Dawn Mike – It's your birthday, it's your birthday! Have a happy 18th!- Love your Aunt Roxanne

\* To Dale Short, Sr. – Happy Birthday!- Victor & Roxanne Robledo

\* To Armando Barley, Sr. – Have a good one! Happy B-Day! - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Robledo

\* Aug. 22 – To Renee Hill, happy birthday Mom! We love you!- From all your children

\* Aug. 28 – To Dan-Dan Pruden, we love you. Happy fourth birthday!- Love your aunts, uncles & cousins

\* Aug. 29 – To my nephew Thomas Whataname. Happy Birthday!- Love your favorite aunt

\* To Regina Fernandez – Many blessings to you, happy birthday!- Your lifetime friend, R. Robledo

\* Sept. 9 – To Ms. Tianna Vinae Robledo. Happy 11th birthday baby! - Love Mom & Dad. Skye & Jacob too.

\* Sept. 9 – To Jordan Robledo, Happy Birthday!- Love Dad & Family

\* Sept 9 – To Michael Anthony Hill, Jr. Happy birthday Brother Bear! Congratulations! You'll be a great dad. We love you!- Your sisters Melissa, Lindy, Regina & Kim

\* Happy birthday to Buzzy, Hilary & Wandie Laffoon!- Love Roxane, Skye, Jacob, Tianna & all our babies

\* Sept. 26 – Happy birthday to Jenice Leniah Yeahquo! - Love Dad, Mom, Grandma & Grandpa Laffoon, Grandma Roxanne & Victor (my little Jen-Jen!) Tianna, Skye, Ialesha, Iariel, Jacoby, K'Lee, Kendra & Miles

\* July 10 – Midelia ( Deetahs) Moreno – Happy 20th Birthday Sister!- From your big sister

Mollie M. & your mother, Sarah

\* July 12 – Cousin Ryan Patch - Have a Happy Birthday!- From your cousin Mollie

\* July 15 – To My (Bugs) Tony Salgado on your "41st" Birthday – Love Ya!- From your girl Mollie

\* July 15 – Happy Birthday Dad! We love you. - Your kids Ryan & Cheyanne S.

\* July 15 – Happy Birthday Auntie Vanessa and many more to come! Love you. - Your niece Mollie & sister Sarah

\* July 28 – Happy 6th Birthday to our baby girl Cheyanne (Chy Chy) Salgado.- From Mom & Dad – We love you our girls.

\* July 29 – Happy Birthday to our loved one Auntie Ramona (Mona) Macias. We all miss you and forever will love you, R.I.P. - Your niece Mollie & the whole family

\* Aug. 9 - Happy Birthday 11th Lorenzo Laffoon! Love you very much Handsome. Thank you for all you do for us and keep up the good work in school. From Mom, Dad, and your sissies.

\* September 9 – Happy Birthday Bro, Rick Holt! Love you very much. From your sister Tedri, Shawni, Renzo, Bella, and Jordyn.

\* Happy Birthday to all my June Bugs! My Grandsons - Nathan Drennan, who turned 14 and Baby Bennett Gonzales who turned 1 year old. Grandma loves both of you!

My Baby Boy - Dione Aaron Drennan who turned 18! Mom loves you!

My Mom - Gertrude Eddy who is 80 years young! I love you! Your baby girl, Doris

\* Happy Birthday to my #1 grandson, Lorenzo Laffoon. I love you Grandma and Richie

\* Sept. 9 -- Happy Birthday to my #1 son Rick Holt on Sept 9, 2007 and my #1 daughter Tedri Holt on September 25, 2007. Love you lots. Mom and Richie

\* Sept. 25 -- Happy Birthday Chaskae. From Aunt Esther and Richie

\* Aug. 12 -- Happy Birthday Sheila!

\*Aug. 22 -- Happy Birthday Nataani!

\*Aug. 26, Happy Birthday Baby Theda! From Mom and family

\* Aug. 24 -- Happy Birthday Michelle Burchfield!

\*Sept 4 -- Happy Birthday Laryn Howard.

\*Sept 5 -- Happy Birthday Matt Ellsbury,

\*Sept 5 -- Happy Birthday Shelane and Tyisha,

\*Sept 25 -- Happy Birthday Chaskae, From all of us on McCriters.com

## Local CRIT Youths' Photographs on Display in Prescott

PARKER & PRESCOTT, AZ:-- The Smoki Museum of American Indian Art and Culture in Prescott presents a groundbreaking new exhibition entitled, Visions of a Vibrant Race. This groundbreaking exhibition combines 13-18 original photogravures from the Edward S. Curtis's series "The North American Indian" with contemporary photographs taken by CRIT youth, through the Ahakhav Tribal Preserve Spring photography camp in 2007.

The aim of Visions of a Vibrant Race is two-fold; first to demonstrate that the Indian race has certainly not become extinct and secondly, to show Tribal children using the very same medium as Curtis to give audiences a window into their own beauty and creativity. These characteristics are elements of a vibrant culture.

Internationally recognized photographer Edward S. Curtis (1868-1952) created the largest and most exhaustive visual record of the American Indian ever. This 20 volume anthology of over 2,000 pages of text and thousands of images was entitled, The North American Indian. Spanning the majority of his lifetime, Curtis traveled extensively across central and western United States meeting with dozens of tribes. His travels also took him up into the far northwest of the US, Canada and Alaska. His goal was to document what vestiges of Indian culture remained following centuries of war and invasion by the unrelenting White American appetite for land and fortune; otherwise known as Manifest Destiny.

Creating a counterpoint to Curtis, the exhibition will display photographs from Ahakhav Tribal Preserve's Spring Youth and Teen Photography camps. This year was the first ever photography camp hosted by the Preserve and was attended by 22 students, ranging from ages 6-17. The camp enabled the students to learn about and experiment with cameras, and fundamentals such as focus, exposure and composition were important tools learned by the students.

"For almost one hundred years the concept of the "Vanishing Race" has lingered in American culture. There is so little contemporary understanding between individuals of the two cultures that, although Native Americans have not vanished, they remain somewhat invisible," Smoki Museum Curator Adam Mikos explained. "It is the hope of the Smoki Museum to begin addressing this disconnect by presenting images and stories of the continuation of Indian culture in the United States. In the exhibition Visions of a Vibrant Race, the youth of the Ahakhav Tribal Preserve Summer Photography program are doing exactly that."

The Preserve and the students are very grateful for the Museums willingness to host their photographs as part of such a culturally important program. "We are flattered and amazed, said 'Ahakhav Education Director Annie Morton. "My students are very excited about their photographs going on-show in a place as important as the Smoki Museum. Many of the students have visited the museum with Preserve field trips and they are very proud to have their work on display at such an amazing institution."

Playing on the title of an Edward Curtis photogravure, "The Vanishing Race" (dated 1904) in which the expectation of the extinction of the American Indian is somberly visualized, this exhibition seeks to revisit this legacy and demonstrate the vibrancy of contemporary American Indian culture. The Preserve will be taking any students and family who wish to attend to Prescott on opening day.

## Miss CRIT deadline fast approaching

*Submit applications by August 31 to participate in upcoming pageant*

The application deadline for Miss, Junior and Little Miss CRIT is August 31, no exceptions. Pick up applications at the Career Development Office, Library, and Administration Office.

The Code of Conduct form must be signed by contestant and parent/guardian. Attached will be the

pageant guidelines. The month of September will allow for tours, orientation, and practices.

The pageant will be held October 3 & 4, during the 35th Annual National Native American Days, a week-long celebration of which plans are underway. For more information contact Valerie at (928) 669-1223.



# CRIT Community Celebrates Wellness on the 4th of July!



The CRIT community gathered in coolness of the early morning on the 4th of July to Celebrate Wellness at the 5K, 10K and Fun Walk sponsored by the Special Diabetes Project. Approximately 65 runners and walkers ranging from 6 months to 80 years old participated in the event. All participants received ribbons of participation and t-shirts.

The SDP also presented the “Healthy Male/Female Elder” award to the oldest participants. The winners of the “Healthy Male/Female Elder” award were and Rudy James and Gertrude Eddy (not pictured).

The Special Diabetes Project would like to thank the community for their support in making this and other community events a success! Circle September 1st on your calendar and bring a friend, family member and loved one to the SDP Labor Day Walk/Run.



*Trophies and medals were presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the 5K and 10K (winners pictured above) 5K winners: Rudy James – 47:11, Fawnia James – 51:44, Kurtis Dean – 53:12. 10K winners: Andrew Honadick – 55:50, Marty Pretends Eagle – 56:24, Ahmad Blackwater – 102:36, Lupe Torres – 127:28, Narcisse McCowan – 128:00.*



# CRIT Special Diabetes Project offers safe summer tips on being more active, diabetic cooking

By Doris A. Burns, Project Manager

When you have diabetes, regular physical activity is especially important. The benefits of being physically active are substantial. You burn calories, which helps with weight control. Your body's response to insulin is improved, making oral diabetes medications and insulin more effective. This in turn helps you keep better control of blood glucose levels. You lower your risk for heart disease and other diabetes complications.

And regular physical activity helps lower blood cholesterol and blood pressure, and increases levels of "good" HDL-cholesterol that helps protect against heart disease.

Summer days bring more opportunities for physical activity, but being more active means paying closer attention to blood glucose levels and staying hydrated – especially in hot, humid weather when you're losing fluids through perspiration. To enjoy a safe and active summer, keep these considerations in mind.

◆ Test your blood glucose level before and after physical activity. Although regular activity can help control blood glucose levels, it can cause fairly rapid changes that need to be treated quickly. Exercise also can lower glucose for hours afterwards, so more frequent glucose monitoring is advised. Do not exercise when your blood glucose is lower than 100 mg/dL. If your blood glucose is low before, during, or after exercise, follow your healthcare provider's recommendations, which may include one or more of the following:

1.) Eat a small snack containing 15-30 grams of carbohydrates, such as an apple or small banana, 2 tablespoons of raisins, 4-5 crackers, bagel, or small muffin.

2.) Drink a glass of fruit juice. In addition, be sure to drink enough water before, during, and just after exercise.

3.) Adjust your medication prior to exercising.

Discuss this with your doctor before making any adjustments.

Also avoid exercise when insulin is functioning at peak levels or when your blood glucose exceeds 250 to 300 mg/dL and ketones are present in your urine.

◆ Keep water and carbohydrate-rich snacks handy. Drink plenty of water before, during and after being active to avoid dehydration. (One sign that you are not drinking enough is urine that is dark yellow in color.) To measure how much fluid you need to replace after exercise, compare your weight before and after exercise. For every pound lost, drink 2 cups of fluid, preferably water. Keep carbohydrate-rich snacks, such as raisins or fruit juice, close by in case your blood glucose begins to drop. Do not drink alcohol before, during, or after exercise.

◆ Heed warning signs of low blood glucose (hypoglycemia). Signs may include dizziness, faintness, shortness of breath, nausea, heart palpitations, tightness in chest, and pain in the jaw and arm. If you experience any of these symptoms, immediately stop your activity and check your blood glucose.

◆ Wear a medical identification tag. In case of emergency, always wear a medical identification tag, bracelets or necklace when exercising. Make sure that your exercise partners are familiar with the warning signs of hypoglycemia.

◆ Take care of your feet. Wear cotton socks and well-fitting shoes. Proper foot care is important for all people with diabetes, but especially in cases of diabetic neuropathy, which can cause your feet to lose sensation.

◆ If possible, schedule your activity. Try to schedule physical at the same time each day, preferably one or two hours after a meal. A consistent schedule makes it easier to anticipate your medication and food needs.

If you haven't been physically active, consult your health care provider to determine the appropriate type, frequency, and intensity of an exercise plan, and how

## Summer Salad Recipe

Finger-Licking Chicken Salad  
(Makes 1 serving)

**1 cup diced roasted skinless chicken**  
**1 stalk celery, cut into 1-inch pieces**  
**1 cup drained mandarin orange segments**  
**1 cup red seedless grapes**  
**2 tablespoons lemon fat-free, sugar-free yogurt**  
**1 tablespoon reduced-fat mayonnaise**  
**1 teaspoon reduced-sodium soy sauce**  
**1/8 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon**

1) Toss together chicken, celery, oranges and grapes in serving bowl; cover.  
2) For dipping sauce, combine yogurt, mayonnaise, soy sauce and pumpkin pie spice OR cinnamon in small bowl.  
3) To serve, dip chicken mixture into dipping sauce.

## DIETARY EXCHANGES

3 Lean Meat, 1 Fruit

## Nutrients Per Serving

Calories.....207  
Total Fat..... 6g  
Carb..... 15g  
Chol..... 64mg  
Fiber..... 1g  
Protein..... 24 g  
Sodium.....212 mg  
Cal from Fat.... 25%

you medications and meal plan could affect your activity.

For more information on physical activity and diabetes, contact the CRIT Special Diabetes Project, 928-669-2825. You can also find more information on the American Diabetes Association website at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

## McCabe's long journey leads back to CRIT, now helping prevent diabetes

The CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program would like to introduce *Manataba Messenger* readers to administrative clerk Linda McCabe.

Linda began working with the DPP in December 2005. McCabe was born and raised on CRIT Reservation, attended and graduated from Le Pera Elementary and Parker High School. She is a CRIT Tribal Member of Navajo Kin Yaa' aanii (Towering House People) decent and lives in Poston. McCabe is the second oldest daughter and fourth child out of nine children to Mary Alice McCabe and the late David McCabe Jr. .

After graduating from Parker High, McCabe won the title of Miss CRIT 1977-78. She worked at the Parker Indian Hospital in Medical Records and BIA Real Property under the Summer Youth Employment Program. In 1979, she moved to Flagstaff to work for the Flagstaff Community Hospital Medical Records Department. In 1980, she moved to Bishop, California, and was employed at a number of positions with the Bishop Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. She relocated back to CRIT Reservation in April 2005. Since moving home she has assisted the JOM Summer

Enrichment Program in the summer of 2005 and was hired at Diabetes Prevention Program as an emergency Administrative Clerk, then eventually hired on permanently in December 2005.

Come on in and meet Linda and the rest of our staff while you find out more about the Diabetes Prevention Program, which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

What is Pre-diabetes? Pre-diabetes occurs when a person's blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough for a diagnosis of diabetes. It is also known as Impaired Glucose Tolerance or Impaired Fasting Glucose, depending on which test detects it. People with pre-diabetes are likely to develop type 2 diabetes. They are also at an increased risk for heart disease or stroke.

Indians suffer from some of the highest rates of diabetes in the world; it is a serious problem in Indian Country. We at the Diabetes Prevention Program want to prevent you from getting diabetes or delay the onset by teaching a few simple lifestyle changes such as exercising more, eating healthy foods and losing weight. The two top risk factors for becoming diabetic



*CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program Administrative Clerk Linda McCabe works to help prevent diabetes.*

is being overweight and leading a sedentary lifestyle.

The CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program office is at 12307 Kennedy Drive (next to WIC office). For more information, call (928) 669-8090.



# Job offerings from the CRIT finance department

**Staff Accountant I-Govt. SUPERVISOR - Controller**

**BACKGROUND CHECK - Extensive**  
SUMMARY: Responsible for preparation, reconciliation and analysis of government financial statements. Under general supervision, performs professional accounting work of moderate difficulty. Responsible for maintaining accounting records related to Special Revenue and General Revenue programs. Works closely with tribal administrative staff and others from a wide variety of departments.

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**Risk Manager SUPERVISOR – Chief Financial Officer**  
**BACKGROUND CHECK - Extensive**

SUMMARY: This person will be responsible for planning, developing and implementing policies and procedures for Risk-Management and Loss-Prevention programs. Initiates policies to comply with safety legislation and industry practices. Researches and reports on the most cost-effective plans to minimize asset liability. Acts as liaison to attorneys, insurance companies and individuals investigating incidents that may result in asset loss.

**Procurement Officer SUPERVISOR – Chief Financial Officer**  
**BACKGROUND CHECK – Basic (ICWA & SW-Extensive)**

SUMMARY: Supervise and oversee tribal purchasing, travel and mail functions. Maintains proper controls for all purchase and travel transactions of the tribal government. Responsible for the enforcement of all tribal purchasing and travel regulations.

**Property Officer SUPERVISOR – Chief Financial Officer**  
**BACKGROUND CHECK - Extensive**

SUMMARY: Under general supervision, serves as a coordinator and administrator to ensure that all fixed assets are properly recorded and depreciated. Primarily responsible for receiving, inventory, distribution and control of all incoming equipment and supplies for the organization. Responsible for disposition of excess or unused fixed assets. Responsible for developing and maintaining asset tracking systems in compliance with required accounting guidelines and consistent with industry standards for asset control and management. Works closely with staff from a wide variety of departments. Performs related work as required or assigned.

For more detailed job descriptions or to obtain an application call the Personnel Office at (928) 669-1320 or write to Colorado River Indian Tribes, Rt. 1 Box 23-B, Parker, AZ 85344.

# RED SOX: CRIT’s Ellsburry makes debut


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Margie said. “I thought that would be ok, but it ended up airing up here (in Oregon). I never did hear it, but I heard from my co-workers that they heard it.” Margie continued, “I don’t really like doing live interview. I am proud of Jacoby, but I get too emotional talking about it.”

Her favorite memory so far was when, after Jacoby was drafted by the Red Sox in 2005, the team flew the whole family to Boston to tour the stadium and meet the team. It’s because of that trip that made it impossible for Margie to detest the New York Yankees, like most other Red Sox fans.

“I still like Johnny Damon (now with the Yankees) because he was so courteous to Jacoby,” Margie said. Jacoby is the oldest of four brothers, Matt, 21, Tyler, 18 and Spencer, 14. All carry Margie’s maiden name of McCabe as their middle name. Margie said Jacoby has been a solid role model for his brothers as well as other youngsters. And, although his future looks very bright, Margie said Jacoby will be happy no matter what the future holds. “He enjoys the game,” she said. “He plays his best wherever he is, and he’s always enjoyed whatever sports he’s playing.”


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*CRIT Tribal Secretary Valerie Welsh-Tahbo testifies before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearing.*

“The elephant gun of total regulation is disproportionate to the perceived flea -- minimum internal control standards,” Welsh-Tahbo told the committee. “It would also eliminate for all practical purposes the primary regulatory role of the tribes and the compacting role of the states.”

Welsh-Tahbo also proposed several recommendations should Dorgan’s bill move forward, including requiring at least two members of the proposed Class III Regulatory Committee be Native Americans. Welsh-Tahbo also praised the bill for including an opt-out provision for tribes that already have rigorous oversight outlined by state compacts.

And, as a point of history, Welsh-Tahbo also reminded the committee that CRIT did not actively seek to challenge the NIGC’s regulatory authority. CRIT, like many other tribes in the country, questioned the Commission’s authority. And when the NIGC began an audit of CRIT’s compliance in 2001, questions about the authority came up.

The situation grew tense, the audit went unfinished, and CRIT was fined \$10,000. CRIT was forced to defend itself, and succeeded before the federal district court and the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Welsh-Tahbo had just joined the CRIT Tribal Council in January of 2001 when the Tribes were challenged by NIGC, which started a six-year legal standoff. So she jumped at the chance to provide testimony before Sen. Dorgan’s committee to reinforce CRIT’s initial decision.

“It was a gratifying experience for the Tribes to be represented for the first time as we had not been called to the table until now,” Welsh-Tahbo said.

Welsh-Tahbo said she felt ready and confident with the testimony provided by legal counsel, Janov and Associates, accompanied by Attorney General Eric Shepard and D.C. lobbyist Jim Wise.

“Knowing I had only five minutes to get our steadfast stance across to the seated Committee I could vision a regular Tribal Council meeting with members of our tribal community looking on, our students, elders, and children, I had to make this time significant,” Welsh-Tahbo said. “I truly felt that without exuding a strong presence the whole endeavor may be interpreted as unimportant.”

### Testimony of CRIT Tribal Secretary Valerie Welsh-Tahbo Before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearing on Discussion Draft Legislation Regarding the Regulation of Class III Gaming

Thursday, June 28, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Good morning Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee. Thank you for providing the Colorado River Indian Tribes with the opportunity to testify this morning. My name is Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, and I am a member of the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT).

At the outset, I wish to express our gratitude for your willingness to work with the tribe in exploring the possible amendment of IGRA. We understand that the federal courts’ decisions in our litigation against the National Indian Gaming Commission have, rightly or wrongly, fed the perception that there is a need for increased federal regulation of Class III gaming. Before directly addressing that question, I’d like very briefly to describe that litigation for those members new to this Committee.

#### Background of the CRIT v. NIGC Litigation

As we have repeatedly stressed, CRIT did not seek out its challenge to the NIGC’s regulatory authority. Like every other tribe in the country, we questioned the Commission’s statutory authority to mandate Class III Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS). When the NIGC began an audit of our compliance with its MICS in January of 2001, we attempted to discuss with the audit team the statutory basis for its audit. Tempers flared, the audit team left with its audit unfinished, and the NIGC issued a notice of violation and assessed a \$10,000 fine against the tribe. At that point, we had no choice but to defend ourselves. Our defense was the simple legal position that we shared with most other tribes. The Commission did not have the authority under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to mandate Class III MICS. The federal district court agreed with our position, and the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirmed that decision last fall.

As a result of those court decisions, some members of this Committee and others have expressed concern that there now exists a regulatory void, requiring the grant of increased powers to the NIGC to regulate Class III gaming. Certainly in our case, there is no regulatory void. CRIT’s gaming activity is vigorously regulated by both the Tribe under tribal law and by the State of Arizona through the mechanism of the tribal-state compact required by IGRA.

#### The Draft Bill

In considering legislation to address the CRIT decision, it is important to bring the discussion back to the limited subject of what our litigation involved and what the courts actually held. We did not claim, and the courts did not hold, that the NIGC has no regulatory authority over Class III gaming; they held only that the NIGC lacked the authority to impose mandatory minimal internal control standards on Class III gaming. Those standards regulate the details of how Class III games are conducted for the sole purpose of ensuring that gaming revenues are properly tracked and accounted for.

The “fix” for the CRIT ruling, if needed at all, is quite narrow: expressly authorize the Commission to adopt and require such standards, subject to an opt-out provision for tribes whose tribal law and compacts are sufficiently rigorous.

The Draft Bill we address today goes far beyond that limited need. Indeed, it would authorize the Regulatory Committee - and the NIGC - to develop “minimum standards for the regulation of Class III gaming.” This scope of regulation goes far beyond minimum internal control standards, and would confer Class III regulatory authority that not even the

NIGC has previously claimed or sought. The Draft Bill’s grant of authority “for the regulation of Class III gaming” encompasses every aspect of a tribe’s Class III gaming operation. It would give the NIGC the broad authority to adopt whatever regulation it wished, subject only to a requirement that it be rationally related to the purposes of IGRA. The elephant gun of total regulation is disproportionate to the perceived flea -- minimum internal control standards. It would also eliminate for all practical purposes the primary regulatory role of the tribes and the compacting role of the states.

In its unnecessary overbreadth, the Draft Bill also incorporates one of the most troubling aspects of S. 2078, considered by this Committee during the last session. The “mere” addition of the words “and Class III gaming” to subsections 2706(b)(1), (2), and (4) effectively guts the tripartite scheme of the statute as originally conceived. By giving the NIGC equal (or preemptively superior) regulatory authority with the tribes and the states, a seemingly straightforward amendment would set up the likelihood of inconsistent regulations and render much of the compacting process meaningless.

We would propose instead an amendment limited to the issue of minimum internal controls, incorporated through the existing ordinance approval process. We submitted proposed language to the Committee last year and would be happy to provide it again.

#### Other Comments

Bearing in mind that the Draft Bill is the opening point of the discussion, we have a number of additional comments.

First: We believe that a minimum of one year’s experience in the regulation of Class III gaming is insufficient for service on the proposed Class III Regulatory Committee (“Committee”). We recommend that the minimum be at least three years.

Second: We strongly recommend that the Bill require that at least two members of the Committee be Native Americans.

Third: If constitutionally permissible, we propose that the Committee be comprised of five individuals, one individual being appointed by each of the Secretary, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House, and the House Minority Leader.

Fourth: We recommend that the prohibition on Committee members being Commission employees be expanded, to prohibit Committee membership for anyone employed by the Commission within the immediately preceding twelve months.

Finally: We close on a positive note. We are pleased that the Draft Bill recognizes that many Compacts impose rigorous tribal regulation and state oversight that does not need an additional - and additionally expensive - layer of federal activity. If the opt-out process contemplated by the Draft Bill is ultimately adopted, we hope to participate actively in formulating a procedure that fully respects the experience and wisdom developed by the tribes and states, and avoids needless inter-governmental conflicts.

I thank you again for giving CRIT the opportunity to offer its views on this important issue. We look forward to working closely with the Committee to develop a Bill that satisfactorily addresses the issue of internal control standards without destroying the delicate intergovernmental balance that has largely worked extraordinarily well for nearly twenty years. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.



# Hill-Poolaw to speak and perform at national Christian women’s conference

CRIT Treasurer and Tribal Council Member Daphne Hill-Poolaw has once again been invited to be a featured speaker at the 2007 Circle of Nations Christian Women’s Conference Sept. 14 and 15 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, near Tulsa.

Hill-Poolaw, a longtime public servant for the Tribes, is also the pastor at the All Tribes Sonlight Mission, a non-denominational church in Poston.

Hill-Poolaw, a talented gospel singer, will perform and speak.

“I’m so excited,” Hill-Poolaw said. “For the

last four of five years I’ve been going out there as a motivational speaker for women in crisis. I talk about drugs and addiction and I encourage women that there is a way out, and that you don’t have to stay in an abusive relationship.”

The popular Circle of Nations forum draws thousands of women from around the nation – primarily Native American though it is open to everyone. It is one of many such forums that have invited Hill-Poolaw over the years to speak and perform her music, which she writes herself.

# Celebration of basketry and native foods cancelled

The Celebration of Basketry and Native Foods Festival, slated Dec. 1-2 at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, has been cancelled.

Tohono O’odham Community Alliance, the 11-year-old event’s organizer, cited tight finances, staff challenges and the need to concentrate on local community events as contributing to the end of the event.

Also, TOCA Co-Director Tristan Reeder and

fellow co-director Terrol Dew Johnson felt that they had accomplished their original goal of supporting and encouraging weavers. Recent Celebration of Basketry events have attracted up to 400 weavers from the United States, Canada and Mexico, as well as many interested members of the public. The event featured the finest of Native basket weavers and indigenous food demonstrations, as well as food sales.

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to counter the criticism, including the historic return of the La Paz Lands to the Tribes and enhanced services for higher education, more self-reliance through entrepreneurship efforts and beefed up social services all made possible by the enactment of the tribal tax code, a new Wal-Mart retail center and ongoing economic development efforts.

Tribal Secretary Valerie Welsh-Tahbo urged critics to work through the electoral system to effect change on tribal policies.

“Whether one is on the Council or not, I hope we all share the goal of improving the quality of life for our people,” Welsh-Tahbo said. “Let’s not do something that could be so damaging to the Tribe. Rather than create chaos, I hope and encourage these individuals to run for council, engage in the process that has served our people for generations. They need to be part of solutions, not part of the problem. Working together I know there is nothing that can hold our people back.”

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